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I still support the breakup of Microsoft along the lines of Judge Jackson's original ruling.

At the least, I support the alternative settlement proposed by the states who have not agreed to the wrist-slap agreed to by the current administration.

Microsoft continues to abuse their monopoly position in the computer market and have stalled all computer innovations that have any future chance of success that don't increase the Microsoft monopoly. Venture capital money has completely dried up for anything that might be interesting enough to get Microsoft's attention (and that is almost everything). They have leveraged their OS monopoly to gain monopolies in word processing and general 'office' productivity applications as well as browsers. Their stated interest in 'speech recognition' has stalled development of this critical technology by the few firms that have pushed it to the current state of the art.

Breaking up Microsoft so that the Operating System business cannot be leveraged with the Applications businesses is the right remedy. Forcing Microsoft to ship a stripped version of the OS (for a significantly reduced price) is a poor substitute but better than nothing.

Microsoft was found guilty of serious crimes. The appropriate remedy should both return competition to a fair level plus strip them of their ill-gotten gains. Find a remedy that does this. The current settlement does not.

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